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Throughout
the three thousand
years of Japanese history,
myths and legends have been
told about the monstrous
creature called the "Oni"...
read left to right
or I make you my
Oni-chan

It was said to have stood about ten to twenty feet tall
and possess large horns growing upon its head
Where humans had teeth and nails, Oni had claws and fangs

People of the Heian Period (700 CE) told many tales and legends witnessing the Oni,
and thus the demon became part of their history

Even in modern Japan today, stories of the Oni persist
But what were these strange creatures? Where did they emerge from?
Did anything more than fantasy and imagination underlie the myths...?

KREEEEEEE

WE ARE SURROUNDED BY CORPSES ALL AROUND US...
...AS FAR AS THE HUMAN EYE CAN WISH TO SEE!
NOTHING BUT THE BODIES OF THOSE WE HAVE SLAIN, WHILE THEY BEGGED FOR MERCY...
...THESE HEAPS OF CARRION HAVE UNDERESTIMATED MY IMMENSE POWER. NONE OF THEM COULD STAND BEFORE ME!
Yes...I will build a mountain of the dead throughout Japan... and consolidate my immortal empire atop their bones!

EH!?
I'LL KILL YOU, KAGETORA!
HA! A SURVIVOR AMIDST THIS CARNAGE...
WHO ARE YOU?
YOU KILLED MY FAMILY!
WHAT? YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PEASANT!

NO!
AH!
CHILD, YOUR COURAGE IS ADMIRABLE! BUT WHAT MADE YOU THINK AN UNTRAINED PEASANT COULD DEFEAT A SAMURAI SUCH AS I?
NOW PAY THE PRICE FOR DEFYING ME!

TORTURE HIM!
MAKE HIM SUFFER!
LET HIM TASTE WHIPS, SWORDS AND SPEARS!
BUT KEEP THE BOY ALIVE!
HAVE NO MERCY BUT DO NOT GRANT HIM DEATH!
HIS AGONIES WILL SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE! THEN, IN TEN DAYS, YOU ARE TO TAKE HIS HEAD!

I REFUSE TO DIE...
CANNOT LET THEM KILL ME... NOT LIKE THIS
I SWEAR I WILL SURVIVE...
I WILL AVENGE MY PARENTS MY SISTER
AND THE MEMORY OF ALL THE OTHER VICTIMS
...I WILL NEVER DIE!

SHZRAAK

And thus,
the Oni was created...
Born of a young man's pain,
anguish, and his desire
for vengeance against the
demonic warlord Kagetora,
whom no mortal alone
could defy...
END.

Go Nagai's *Oni*

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TAKE THAT, LOWLY PEASANTS! BWAHAHAHAHA, NO ONI IS A MATCH FOR A RABBIT WARLORD!

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This was a special controversial one-shot that Go Nagai put out in 1988. According to many sources, This was released in two magazines. It first appeared Italy's very own "Kappa Comics". And than it appeared in the Marvel Comics imprint "Epic Illustrated" from the late 80's. The translation I did is based off of the actual Italian version. For what it's worth. Being just a 10 page One-Shot. It was pretty fun. This could have been a great series if Go Nagai pursued it. But than again, Go Nagai is one for making interesting One-Shot's. But never making full series out of them xD

K NOTE: THE HEIAN PERIOD IS THE LAST DIVISION OF CLASSICAL JAPANESE HISTORY. RUNNING FROM 794 TO 1185. THE PERIOD IS NAMED AFTER THE CAPITAL CITY OF HEIAN-KYO, OR MODERN KYOTO. IT IS THE PERIOD IN JAPANESE HISTORY WHEN BUDDHISM, TAOISM AND OTHER CHINESE INFLUENCES WERE AT THEIR HEIGHT. THE HEIAN PERIOD IS ALSO CONSIDERED THE PEAK OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL COURT AND NOTED FOR ITS ART, ESPECIALLY POETRY AND LITERATURE.